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February 10, 1969

Miss Debbie Ficker
717 First Street South
Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320

Dear Miss Ficker:

I regret that I am unable to assist you in your research into the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

A complete report on the investigation conducted by this Department into the death of President Kennedy was submitted to the Presidential Commission, established following his death. I should like to suggest that you contact the United States Department of Justice for any information they might be disposed to provide.

I hope this information will be of some value to you in conducting your research.

Very truly yours,

Chas. Batchelor
Chief of Police

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817 1st St. So.
Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320
February 5, 1969

Chief of Police
Dallas, Texas 75200

Dear Sirs:

I am a Junior at Rocori High School in Cold Spring, Minnesota. Having always been an admirer of the Kennedy family, I have decided to do my English research paper on the death of President John Kennedy.

For this reason I'm writing to you for any information you might have on this subject. Any brochures or articles would be much appreciated. Thank you much for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Debbie Ficker

Debbie Ficker

April 15, 1969

Mr. Frank E. Chatelanat
22a North Nashville Avenue
Ventnor, New Jersey 08406

Subject: Assassination of
President John F. Kennedy

Dear Mr. Chatelanat:

I regret that I am unable to assist you in your research into the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy. However, I do appreciate your concern not only for the City of Dallas Police Department, but for the citizens of Dallas as well.

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I hope this information will be of some value to you in conducting your research.

Very truly yours,

Chas. Batchelor
Chief of Police

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ADM. 4-1
22a North Nashville Ave.
Ventnor, N.J. 08406
April 8, 1969

Police Chief Charles Batchelor
Dallas Police Headquarters
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Batchelor:

For some time I have been deeply disturbed by the seemingly endless controversy which has followed the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and, more recently, the murders of Senator Robert Kennedy and Doctor Martin Luther King. It is frightening, of course, to know that a United States President, a United States Senator, and a respected civic leader can be so cruelly shot down and destroyed. It is no less terrifying to realize that other national leaders may in time suffer a similar fate.

Yet, I believe that my principal concern is for the American people and the damage being done to them by the lack of a thorough understanding of this bizarre chain of events. Mostly, I am annoyed by the absurd charge that we are all to blame; that we are a sick society. This is not true. America is not a sick nation, it is the healthiest and most advanced people in the history of civilization. The average American man has harmed no one but because of the confusion prevalent today, he is becoming uncertain of his position. It is depressing to pick up a newspaper and learn that a reader is "ashamed to be an American."

Of all the books and articles written on the subject, not one has given a clear and concise presentation of the facts. To a great extent, it is this failure that is responsible for the nationwide confusion. Wild and arbitrary speculation has served only to worsen matters, and recent developments in New Orleans and Memphis have added to the suspicion, doubt and public torment. I believe the real need is for one book that presents all the known facts, objectively and comprehensively, in strict chronological order, without undue speculation and free of distortion; a book that examines the evidence point by point, with both ends of the controversy presented side by side, so that the reader can determine for himself or herself what the facts really are.

I would like to write that book. My purpose would not be to "investigate the assassination," as other writers have claimed to do. One, that is police business; two, I have no such resources. The sole purpose of my book would be to offer a clear account of the facts. This would necessarily require the cooperation of those who were involved in the matter, that I may personally talk to them and draw from their knowledge. I would not be interested in writing a book that was based on anything less.

I believe that the argument against the Dallas Police Department has been stridently overstated. It seems quite obvious that some poor judgment was exercised in certain areas, but to convert this into charges of being part of a conspiracy is, in my opinion, going to unjustified extremes. For that matter, the entire city of Dallas has been badly portrayed and the decent people of that city gratuitously maligned. Witnesses who unavoidably became involved in the case have been called liars-among other things-but have never been given credit for coming forward voluntarily to give whatever information they had to offer. I would like to cast them in a better light. Policemen who performed well have been largely ignored, while others who committed errors in judgment have been thoroughly castigated for their mistake. I would like to show in greater detail the role they played in the investigation, rather than merely the one isolated incident for which they are known. With your permission, I would like to discuss with some of your men the issues in which they were involved.

I have already written to Captain Fritz, Mr. Curry, Sheriff Bill Decker, and District Attorney Wade on this subject. At the time, I did not know who had succeeded Curry as Chief, hence the reason for your letter not being sent with the others. It was not an attempt to go around you; without your cooperation my chances of success are slim. I am disappointed that I have not yet heard from Fritz or Curry.

I am fully aware that I may not be able to obtain the needed amount of cooperation to make this book possible. For that reason, this letter does not constitute a formal request for an interview. The book may never be written. I ask only if you would consider seeing me if I am able to secure the cooperation necessary to do the job properly. Would you please advise me as to how you feel about my intentions and if you would agree to an interview if my plans should materialize?

Very truly yours,

Frank E. Chatelanat

Frank E. Chatelanat

April 17, 1969

Mr. Ken Buchanan
3355 East Monte Vista
Tucson, Arizona 85716

Subject: Request for Information

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

I regret that I am unable to assist you in your research into the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

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I hope this information will be of some value to you in conducting your research.

Very truly yours,

Chas. Batchelor
Chief of Police

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4-11-67
Ken # 37
Dallas Police Dept.
Dallas, Texas

Ken Buchanan
3345 E. Forts Blvd.
Tucson, Arizona
85710

Re: How it may concern;

I'm doing a research paper on Oswald's part in the killing of President Kennedy. I was wondering if you could possibly tell me where I can reach an officer Gargle that was the officer who was to the left and rear of the President's car. If he is still working there please ask him to send me a short letter telling of what he seen, if anything, out of the ordinary behind that fence on that grassy knoll to the right and in front of the president, after the the president was shot. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Ken Buchanan

May 5, 1969

Mr. Frank E. Chatelanat
22a North Nashville Avenue
Ventnor, New Jersey 08406

Dear Mr. Chatelanat:

I certainly appreciate your concern over the controversies which have followed the assassination of the late President J. F. Kennedy, but I am unable to furnish the information that you have requested.

We have numerous such requests from private citizens making investigations into the assassination. Due to these many requests, a policy has been established which will not permit us to release this information.

Very truly yours,

Chas. Batchelor
Chief of Police

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22a North Nashville Ave.
Ventnor, N.J. 08406
May 10, 1969

Charles Batchelor, Chief
Dallas Police Department
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Batchelor:

Thank you for your letter of May 5. I fully understand your position in this matter.

I have a few ideas I would like to check out and it was my intention to come to Dallas and look around a little bit. The attitude of the Dallas Police, however, seems to indicate that my presence in the city would be undesirable. Under those conditions, it is not very likely that I will make the trip. I would not be coming there to cause trouble for anyone and I most certainly do not wish to get into any of it myself.

Nevertheless, I am determined that my book will be written with or without the proper assistance. I will do my best. If it is not fully authenticated, so be it; at least I will have tried. On the other hand if I am able to find one missing answer, remove one shade of doubt, restore one ounce of decency; then I will not have failed.

I will not bother you again. Best wishes and kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

Frank E. Chatelanat
Frank E. Chatelanat

22a North Nashville Ave.
Ventnor, N.J. 08406
April 28, 1969

Chief Charles Batchelor
Dallas Police Department
Dallas, Texas 75201

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Dear Mr. Batchelor:

On April 8 I wrote to you in regard to a proposed book on the controversy which has followed the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I was disappointed to learn in your return letter of April 15 that you would not see me. You suggested instead that I contact the Justice Department. In fact, I need help from both ends. Allow me to explain.

The type of material I am looking for will not be found in reports. For example, I would like to suggest that the rush up the grassy knoll after the shooting was induced by the power of suggestion, or, more simply, it was little more than follow the leader. As near as I can determine, Officer Bobby Hargis was the first one to run to the overpass and another officer- I believe it was Clyde Haygood, I am not sure- was the first to run to the fence at the top of the knoll. The question is; why ?

We find that Curry radioed; "Get a man on top of that Triple Underpass and see what happened up there." Immediately thereafter, Decker issued an order to "move all available men out of my office into the railroad yard to try to determine what happened in there..." Is it not possible that Hargis and Haygood(?) were carrying out the orders of Curry and Decker, and that the others followed them up the slope as a natural result ? Here my ignorance has me stymied. I do not know if the motorcycles were equipped with radios and if the orders could have been received. If so, were Hargis and Haygood actually responding to the orders ? This is the type of help I need and I can find the answers only through direct contact.

After a long and close study of the evidence, I have what I believe to be a supportable alternate to the single bullet theory. While my theory is fortified by the existing evidence, it is wholly dependent on a possibility that may or may not exist. The answer to this is primarily in Washington, not in Dallas. Therefore, I have contacted Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and asked for his assistance. If my theory can be established, it would account for the FBI contradiction of the autopsy report, the location of the holes in the President's clothing, the bullet found at Parkland, the ballistics evidence, and would offer a credible explanation as to what happened to the third bullet. The theory, needless to say, would support the conclusion that one man acted alone.

I would like to talk to those who are knowledgeable on the subject. So far, two members of the Commission-Russell and Cooper- and a staff member-Specter- have agreed to see me. I am expecting others to follow. From Dallas, only Mr. Wade has agreed to see me. Won't you please reconsider your earlier decision and talk to me ?

Very truly yours,

Frank E. Chatelanat
Frank E. Chatelanat

May 5, 1969

Mr. James Sherlock Stevens
2535 Lawrence Street
Dallas, Texas 75215

Dear Mr. Stevens:

Thank you for your letter of May 1, 1969. I am well, and I appreciate your taking the time to inquire.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in offering to the Department your paintings of the late President John F. Kennedy and the members of his family. I regret to say that the policies of the Department do not allow us to accept gifts.

Rest assured that this Department will continue to strive to be deserving of your valued confidence and support.

Very truly yours,

Chas. Batchelor
Chief of Police

ECE:ln

Walla, Tex.
5-1-69

Dear Chief Batchelor, I hope when these
few lines reach you they will find you
well and not working too hard. I am well
but work hard every day for my neighbors
and watch all of these teenagers who are
hooking from school and those who do
not work and also the adults who roam
these streets and if I see anything going
I can and will call in. Since I am for
law and order and a peaceful way in which
these Threemen Capt. Will Fritz, Capt. Geo.
L. Hampton and Capt. Gus Little will prove
my statement is true to you and also to the
and help of the radio patrol officers. I have
printed you a picture of President Kennedy
and Mrs. Kennedy and also a picture of Mrs.
Kennedy and her second husband. I am now in
for the radio patrol. Now I hope you
will let a patrol officer come to 2536 Lawrence
Street and pick them up.

Sincerely yours
Mr. James H. Stock Stevens
2535 Humboldt St.
Dallas, Tex. 75215.

May 9, 1969

Mr. Brad Barnes
2333 W. Magnolia
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

Dear Brad:

I regret that I am unable to assist you in your research into the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

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Very truly yours,

Chas. Batchelor
Chief of Police

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Brad Barnes

2333 W. Magnolia 7611

Fort Worth, Texas 761

Dear Gentlemen,

My name is Brad Barnes and I am an 8th grader at McLean Junior High in Fort Worth, Texas. In my history class I was called upon to do a report on our late president, John F. Kennedy. The reason I am writing this letter to you is that I thought that you at the Dallas Police Dept. ought to have more information about the assassination than any other person or group of persons anywhere. If you have any pictures or any reports that you can send me, I would be deeply grateful. I would be happy to pay for any postage or handling charges. Again, I would be deeply grateful for any information that you could send me at all.

Sincerely yours,

Brad Barnes

Brad Barnes

Box 77
Stuarts Draft Va.
24477

Hon. Charles Batchelor
Police Dept.
106 S. Harwood St.
Dallas, Texas 75201

Sir:

Would you please autograph the two
enclosed covers for my collections honoring the
President and ^{the} Senator Kennedy.

Your kindness will be most deeply
appreciated. A reply envelope is enclosed.

Yours truly
Curtis Addings, Jr.

Returned signed
envelope 6-19-69

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In reply, please
refer to: CO-1

December 16, 1969

Mr. James R. Tener
Box 367
PMC Colleges
Chester, Pennsylvania 19013

Dear Mr. Tener:

I regret that I am unable to assist you in your research into the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

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I hope this information will be of some value to you in conducting your research.

Very truly yours,

Frank Dyson
Chief of Police

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Box 367
PMC Colleges
Chester, Pa. 19013
December 10, 1969

Dallas Police Department
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sirs;

I am presently enrolled at Pennsylvania Military College, and I am now working on a report. This report is on the assassination of President Kennedy. I would appreciate it if you would ~~assist~~ assist me by sending me any information you could. I realize this was a serious ^{case} and you probably can't give out much information, but I would appreciate any information at all. I will cover any costs that you might have, including postage. Thank you for any help you can give me.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Tener
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PMC Colleges
Chester, Pa. 19013



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